## HUNTERS POINT NAVAL SHIPYARD BASE REALIGNMENT AND CLOSURE CLEANUP TEAM MEETING NOTES

## **April 2, 2020**

These notes summarize the Navy Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) Cleanup Team (BCT) meeting for Hunters Point Naval Shipyard (HPNS) in San Francisco, California. The meeting was held on April 2, 2020 via teleconference.

# I. Introductions and Agenda Review

Mr. Derek Robinson (Navy) performed introductions and reviewed the action items from the March 12, 2020 BCT meeting.

## II. Navy Business/Action Items (Derek Robinson, Navy)

The following is a summary of the status of the action items from the March BCT provided by Mr. Robinson (Navy):

Item	Description	Status
1	The Navy will send the BCT an updated Parcel D-1	Pending
	ROD change analysis.	
2	The Navy will respond to BCT comments regarding the	Pending
	dust monitoring report format.	
3	The Navy will send the BCT the RAB community	Pending
	survey.	
4	The Navy will set up a call with the BCT regarding	Ongoing
	radiological dust monitoring during onsite activities.	
5	The Navy will set up a call with DTSC to further	Completed. Call held March
	discuss laboratory analytical results for Parcel E-2	18, 2020.
	import soil.	

Mr. Robinson (Navy) noted that he will request permission from his management to send the Restoration Advisory Board (RAB) community survey, to the BCT as soon as possible.

Ms. Maeve Clancy (U.S. Environmental Protection Agency [USEPA]) requested that Action Item 4 be considered an ongoing action item.

### III. Community Outreach (Derek Robinson, Navy)

Mr. Robinson (Navy) noted that the Navy has been working on adjusting their community outreach activities during the Covid-19 pandemic. Most of the planned activities have been postponed. Instead the Navy is going to try and utilize technology to give the Hunters Point residents group an overall project update in late April. The Navy will attempt to host an on-line meeting for the Parcel A Homeowners Association meeting in May 2020.

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The Navy would like to get the bus tours rescheduled but is unable to do so until the shelter-inplace order has been lifted. Additionally, the Navy will submit a quarterly update which will include information on the RAB survey. In addition, the Navy is working on doing some video presentations that could be posted to their website.

Ms. Sanchez (USEPA) asked about the topic of the proposed videos. Mr. Robinson (Navy) responded that the first video would feature Dr. Kathryn Higley giving an overview of the radiological community liaison role and the types of questions that are typically raised by the community.

## IV. Parcel G Update (Derek Robinson)

Mr. Robinson (Navy) noted that the Navy is working with their contractors on Mr. Wayne Praskins (USEPA) comments on the background sampling reports. Mr. Praskins (USEPA) has not yet sent the Navy his proposal. Mr. Robinson (Navy) noted that they are discussing the proposed field changes with their contractors to make sure the work is feasible within the scope of work of their current contract. Mr. Robinson (Navy) noted that one of their recommendations would be to only apply the proposed changes to retesting sites and not to other sites where the soil is undisturbed so that the contractors can still use the undisturbed soil as a background calibration for the site which is similar to historic practices. Mr. Praskins (USEPA) noted that the USEPA and Navy have had several discussions on potential background levels, and they are waiting for more information from the Navy before their proposal is officially submitted. Mr. Praskins asked to which other sites his proposal would not apply. Mr. Robinson responded with Parcel E and the removal of storm drain and sanitary sewer lines on Parcel E and E-2.

Mr. Paul Stoick (Navy) noted that the fieldwork schedule for Parcel G is dependent upon receiving all agency comments by April 17, 2020. The background soil study is currently driving the Parcel G fieldwork. The earliest Parcel G fieldwork mobilization date is anticipated to be in June 2020. Mr. Praskins (USEPA) asked what would happen if the project was delayed further and into the rainy season. Mr. Stoick (Navy) noted that they are looking at this issue, but they wouldn't want trench units open during the rainy months.

## V. Miscellaneous Topics/Update (Derek Robinson)

Mr. Dennis Rourke (Navy) presented a summary of the Parcel D-1 project and noted that the Navy is working on a preliminary evaluation document for the BCT and will be sending the document out the week of April 13, 2020. Ms. Nina Bacey (Department of Toxic Substances Control [DTSC]) asked what the evaluation would include. MR. Rourke (Navy) responded that it would summarize whether the site would need changes to the institutional controls or need a Memorandum to File or an Explanation of Significant Differences (ESD). Mr. Robinson noted that it's a further development of the Navy's evaluations at the site so that it can facilitate additional discussions between the Navy and BCT. Mr. Robinson (Navy) prepared the past summary evaluations. However, the Navy felt it was better to formalize a response for further discussions. Ms. Bacey (DTSC) asked if this evaluation would be different than the last discussion sent by the Navy. Mr. Robinson (Navy) noted that this was indeed different and would focus on further development of performance, cost, and scope of the path forward. However, the Navy is not intending to make a recommendation on the path forward as part of

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this evaluation. Ms. Karen Ueno (USEPA) noted that typically the lead agency makes the determination of type of change that would be needed, and she thought the Navy would be presenting this information instead of giving the agencies another evaluation document. Mr. Robinson (Navy) suggested another call between the Navy and BCT to further define the information that would be useful for the Parcel D-1 evaluation. Ms. Bacey (DTSC) noted that their attorney agreed with the USEPA that the Navy should recommend the proposed path forward and include consideration of whether an ESD would be an appropriate path forward. Mr. Robinson (Navy) noted that this can be discussed further on a follow-up conference call.

Mr. Robinson (Navy) asked the BCT how much time they would like to review the BCT meeting summaries. The BCT determined that all comments will be submitted within 30-days. The Navy will try to get the BCT meeting summaries to the BCT for review sooner. Ms. Yolanda Sanchez (USEPA) noted that this is an important topic and she would like the BCT members to discuss this further internally and then revisit this topic during the May BCT meeting. Ms. Tina Low (Regional Water Quality Control Board [Water Board]) noted that one of the purposes of having these BCT meeting summaries is to document when the BCT members have concerns about various issues on HPNS. She would like these concerns documented but make the discussion of the concern a more concise summary.

Ms. Clancy (USEPA) wanted to give an update on the discussions held on the air monitoring for the Parcel G Work Plan Addendum. She thought their meeting with the Navy had been productive and she sent out a summary and action items which showcased the progress made. She noted that the Navy planned to submit comments on her summary and therefore she feels that it might be time to elevate the issue within USEPA and Navy management. Mr. Stoick (Navy) noted that the meeting was productive, and they are coming closer to agreeing on the air monitoring criteria and resolving previous concerns of the USEPA.

### VI. Parcel G Update (Paul Stoick, Navy)

Ms. Liz Roddy (Navy) noted that the S3 soil sorting demonstration has been cancelled and the Navy would like to move forward with a virtual demonstration for the BCT. She asked for the BCT's input and if they would be comfortable approving the soil sorting machine using the virtual demonstration. Mr. Praskins (USEPA) asked if the Navy had an example of how this was conducted so that the BCT could know what to expect. Mr. Leo Larson (USEPA) stated that they would host the demonstration live in the field and the agencies would be able to ask question in real time. Mr. Praskins (USEPA) asked if they could send a summary of what to expect and what they would see during the demonstration.

Mr. Stoick (Navy) noted that the Navy has been reviewing and getting updated information with respect to the restrictions in place during the Covid-19 outbreak. The Navy still has a few essential workers onsite who maintain the remedies currently in-place on HPNS and maintain site security. All the larger projects are currently on hold, and the contractors and the Navy are reviewing the shelter-in-place requirements. Ms. Leslie Howard (Navy) noted that biological monitoring would also continue at Parcel E-2. If the field projects mobilize again, their health and safety plans would need to be updated with Covid-19 protections.

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## VII. Document Tracking/Upcoming Fieldwork (Paul Stoick, Navy)

Mr. Stoick noted that most fieldwork for April has been suspended due to Covid-19. All three phases for Parcel E will mobilize in May along with Parcel C. Ms. Howard (Navy) noted that they reanalyzed the import fill material using a different method and they are currently reviewing preliminary data. The BCT requested to see the import fill data for Parcel E-2.

Mr. Stoick (Navy) noted that agency comments on the soil background report are due April 17, 2020. Upcoming documents include the radiological health and safety survey work plan which will cover areas of the base that are not under radiological controls. Other upcoming documents include the radiological rework work plans for Parcel B, C, and E. Additionally, the scoping survey's for finger piers and submarine pens will be issued on April 23, 2020. The document tracking matrix currently lists the ESD for Parcel D-1; however, that document is still under review and will be changed if necessary.

# VIII. New Action Items/Future Meetings (Derek Robinson, Navy)

- The Navy will set up a call with the BCT regarding the path forward for Parcel D-1.
- The Navy will send the BCT a summary or example of a virtual demonstration for the S3 soil sorting machine.
- The Navy will send import fill data to the BCT for Parcel E-2.

## Next Meetings:

• The next BCT meeting is scheduled to be held on May 7, 2020 via teleconference.

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